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yellow fever, with 110 new cases, and 80 new cases of smallpox, with 11 deaths.

June 1: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended May 29 there were in that city 10 cases and 3 deaths from yellow fever, and 4 cases and no death from smallpox.

May 31: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended May 29 there were in that city 24 new cases reported from yellow fever, and 17 cases 3 deaths from smallpox.

FRANCE.

Typhoid fever in Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, May 19, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that typhoid fever is very prevalent in Marseilles at this time. The first cases appeared about May 5, and the number has rapidly increased since that date. A prominent physician now estimates the number of cases at 1,000 in the city. There are 150 in one of the municipal hospitals, and 160 in the military hospital of the Marseilles garrison. There are so many sick among the soldiers that a great number are being taken by train to hospitals in the neighboring cities. I would add, however, that up to this date the fever has not been very virulent in form or fatal in results, though with the approach of warm weather the death rate will likely be greatly increased. The epidemic is attributed to impure drinking water, as the disease made its appearance simultaneously in every section of the city.

We have not considered it necessary so far to take any extra precautionary steps toward a more rigid enforcement of our quarantine laws and regulations, but will do so soon in the interest of public health at the seaports of the United States if the epidemic continues to spread or becomes more malignant in character.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,

CHAS. P. PRESSLY,

Vice and Deputy Acting U. S. Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Smallpox and plague.

YOKOHAMA, May 13, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan for period May 1 to May 12, 1897, inclusive.

You will notice that 2 cases of cholera are included in the return. I think that these must be considered as of doubtful character on account of the localities from which they are reported, and from the fact that notwithstanding 1 occurred on the 5th and the other on the 7th, no second case is reported from these districts.

As regards smallpox, I am glad to be able to say that no case of or death by this disease has taken place in Yokohama and its suburbs during the past week, and that, as the epidemic is almost at an end in the

neighboring city of Tokyo also, it is to be hoped that this port may soon be declared free from variolous infection.

There is grave reason to fear that the 73 cases of plague reported from Formosa represent but a part of the epidemic in progress. The Japanese authorities complain of the concealment of the disease by the natives, and seem much disquieted by the reports received in relation to this malady.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious disease in Japan, May 1 to May 12, 1897.

Locality.	Smallpox.		Locality.	Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	50	15	Nagano Ken.....		2
Osaka Fu.....	67	25	Nagasaki Ken.....	129	27
Tokyo Fu.....	5		Nara Ken.....		
Aichi Ken.....	19	6	Niigata Ken*.....		
Akita Ken.....	8		Oita Ken.....		
Awomori Ken.....			Okayama Ken.....	1	2
Chiba Ken.....			Okinawa Ken.....	8	1
Fukui Ken.....	3	1	Saga Ken.....	1	
Fukuoka Ken.....	60	5	Saitama Ken.....	20	7
Fukushima Ken.....	26	5	Shidzuoka Ken.....		
Gifu Ken.....			Shiga Ken.....	4	1
Gumma Ken.....			Shimane Ken.....		
Hioyo Ken.....	50	13	Tochigi Ken.....	4	2
Hiroshima Ken.....			Tokushima Ken.....	159	35
Ibaraki Ken.....	35	13	Tottori Ken.....	4	
Ishikawa Ken.....			Toyama Ken.....	10	6
Iwate Ken.....	2		Wakayama Ken.....		
Kagawa Ken.....	14	3	Yamagata Ken.....	1	
Kagoshima Ken.....	13	7	Yamaguchi Ken*.....	7	2
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama)...	25	6	Yamanashi Ken.....	7	4
Kochi Ken.....	6		Yehime Ken.....	8	1
Kumamoto Ken.....	5		The Hokkaido.....	49	12
Miyagi Ken.....	14	1	Taiwan (Formosa).....	(†)	
Miyazaki Ken.....	13	6			
Miye Ken.....	64	25	Totals.....	891	233

* One case of cholera.

† May 1 to May 12 73 cases of plague.

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UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Yellow fever in Panama.

PANAMA, May 24, 1897.

SIR: The officials have at last recognized that yellow fever is with us, and the prefect has issued a decree accordingly. The disease is also in Colon, where several deaths have taken place lately. Up to date it is admitted that the Foreign Hospital has had 20 cases, the St. Thomas Hospital, 10, and the disease is quite fatal. How many not-admitted cases I do not know. The figures given above indicate that at least 80 cases have been treated, the mortality being about 75 per cent; so, at least I am told by my family physician, who belongs to the board of health. * * * The prevailing opinion among the medical fraternity, is that the disease is liable to be with us from five to ten months.